The town was unhealthy and the population was gradually moving to the suburbs. The outlying parts should therefore be connected with the town by a system of metalled roads. The Tiruvampadi-Pulayanvazhi beach road and the Arattuvazhi-Tondankulangara beach road should be taken up immediately and completed in three years.

The roads connecting Alleppey with Shertallai and Haripad were making only very slow progress. The Madayan *todu* extension should be completed without delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Oommen Jacob, I shall now reply to your two subjects. In the matter of roads in the Alleppey Town, may I suggest that you take your prayers and solicitations to your city fathers ?

2. In the matter of the sea end of the Commercial Canal, steps have already been taken for its improvement so as to afford better facilities to shippers and merchants. The Chief Engineer has sent up an estimate and that is under scrutiny. After it has been scrutinized, if we have something like Rs 64,000, we shall get on with the work soon.

3. Then you take up the question of the Alleppey-Quilon road. That is all but complete and ready for cart traffic and motor traffic—all except one mile near Ambalapuzha which too the Chief Engineer is trying to get done quickly.

4. The question of providing a basin for sea-boats is being considered by me. But I cannot say whether the work could be got done this year because it is likely to prove a very costly business.

5. The other points mentioned by you will all receive consideration.

133. Needs of Changanachery taluk. Group I.

MR. ERAVI GOVINDAN (*Member, Changanachery tauk, Group I*) prayed that the experimental Anchal office at Vazhur should be made permanent. It was established about ten years ago, and now the expenditure was more than covered by the receipts. The Anchal office at Kuppakayam which was more recent and had not much revenue had been made a departmental office. Co-operative societies, etc. were inconvenienced as they had now to resort to the Anchal office at Ponkunnam, eight miles away, for doing Savings Bank business.

A police station should be established at Vazhur. The Karukachal station is sixteen miles distant from certain places in the Vazhur *pakuthi* under its jurisdiction. Crime was on the increase in the area, as there was no station for the 18 miles between Karukachal and Kanjirapalli. Vazhur lay mid-way, and was a place rapidly growing in importance.

It is necessary to construct a bridge across the Mulaiplakkal *todu* at the 7th mile of the Kanjirapalli-Manimala road. Traffic along this road was very considerable, and the work was begun nearly quarter of a century ago. Till 1908, when a revised estimate for Rs 31,000 was prepared, something like Rs. 4,000 had been spent. Subsequently nothing, however, was done and all that remained were the relics of the foundation.

Bridges and culverts should be constructed on the road connecting the 17th mile of the Kottayam-Kumili road with the 7th mile of the Manimala-Kanjirapalli road. The road was 6 miles long, 4 miles of which had been surrendered by the people free of compensation.

Changanachery taluk had now only a Munsiff-Magistrate at Kanjirapalli, the eastern extremity of the taluk. The Munsiff at Changanachery was proposed to be given magisterial powers, in which case, the people living in the western portions of the taluk would also be benefited. But the people in the central portions of the taluk were still in the same condition. The establishment of a Magistrate's court at Karukachal, a central place, would afford convenience to those people.

The criminal jurisidiction over the *pakuthies* of Vazhur and Vellavur should be vested in the Kanjirapalli Magistrate. This arrangement obtained till the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi* was added on to the Peermade taluk but was not revived when Kanjirapalli was again included in the Changanachery taluk.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Eravi Govindan, Vazhur is equidistant from three police charging stations—Pampadi, Karukachal and Kanjirapalli. Consequently it is within easy access of these three stations. Furthermore, yours is one of those fortunate *pakuthies* where crime is light. A special police station all to yourself is therefore not really necessary.

2. In further pursuance of your laudable desire to make Vazhur an official centre, you ask for the establishment of a Magistrate's court at Karukachal. May I tell you that the Munsiff at Changanachery is going to be invested with magisterial powers, and you will then be within easy reach of a Magistrate ?

3. And lastly, in regard to the Anchal office at Vazhur, I think that what you want is that it should be made permanent. It is not sufficiently paying at present. You may, however, argue the point with the Anchal Superintendent after the Assembly is over.

134. Needs of the Changanachery Town.

MR. CHACKO MATTHEW (*Member, Municipal Council, Changanachery*) said that the Puvakattu *chira* was the only tank accessible to all classes of people, but that it had to be repaired and improved for use. It was in a most insanitary and otherwise unsatisfactory condition now. The matter had been repeatedly brought before the Assembly. The Municipal Council which had not enough money to acquire lands for a carriage stand could hardly find funds for improving this big tank.

A canal should be constructed along the Kusakkudi *punja* lands near the market. The facilities for boats which brought most of the merchandise to the market were inadequate. The necessity for this canal had been urged repeatedly in the past. The Chief Engineer had visited the place and promised to get an estimate prepared, but nothing further appeared to have been done.

The premises of the T. B. should be converted into a public park or recreation ground. The matter was long under correspondence, but it now transpired that the T. B. could not be handed over to the municipality until a suitable place was found for the use of travellers and others.

The place east of the market was narrow and should be widened. The present Chief Engineer admitted the necessity for this work when he was Executive Engineer at Kottayam. Some land to the south had to be acquired. The Changanachery Municipality could not undertake this work.

Permission should be given to the municipality to levy tolls at least on the Vazhur road. The roads in the town were being watered by the municipality. The sources of income were limited and the sanitary needs of the town great. The permission to levy tolls, applied for by the Municipal Council, if granted, would enable them to improve their resources substantially.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Chacko Matthew, your first point is one which you should carry to your Municipality and not to this Assembly : it is the Municipality that should repair the Puvakattu *chira*.

2. Your next point is about the construction of a canal along the Kusakkudi *punja* near the market. As you say, at the request of the local authorities, an estimate was called for. I think it would have been more to your happiness if an estimate had not been called for, for then you could still have been hoping. The estimate is for Rs. 85,000. The traffic does not justify that expenditure and there are other pressing needs on the public purse.

3. Then you want the premises of the T. B. being converted into an open place of public resort. That was the intention at one time, the idea being to transfer the T. B. to the camp-shed. But the camp-shed is going to transform itself into a school, Government having made a free gift of it to the school authorities. So, there is no place for the travelling public and touring officers to go and rest except the T. B. That being the case, the T. B. will have to remain a T. B.

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